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Fort Totten Man Sentenced for Assaulting a Bureau of Indian Affairs Special Agent

FARGO - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced that on February 26, 2010, **Bruce James Littlewind** of Fort Totten, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Chief Judge Ralph R. Erickson on a charge of assaulting and resisting a federal officer. **Littlewind**, 23, pleaded guilty on November 12, 2009, to head-butting Bureau of Indian Affairs Special Agent Bentley Greybear while **Littlewind** was resisting arrest.

On February 13, 2009, the Fort Totten Police Department received a call with information that the car **Littlewind** was driving that evening almost ran into another vehicle. Special Agent Greybear and Officer Terry McCloud located **Littlewind** and after an investigation it was determined that **Littlewind** was intoxicated and he was placed under arrest. **Littlewind** would not obey verbal commands given to him by law enforcement officers and began resisting arrest by trying to jerk away.

When Special Agent Greybear attempted to place **Littlewind** in a law enforcement vehicle, he began to resist arrest again and kicked several times at Special Agent

Greybear. **Littlewind** sat up and threw his head into Special Agent Greybear's face, hitting him on the right cheek-bone area. **Littlewind** was transported to the Fort Totten Police Department where he continued to resist arrest while being booked into the facility. The incident occurred on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation.

Judge Erickson sentenced **Littlewind** to one and one-half years' imprisonment, to be followed by three years of supervised release. **Littlewind** was ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

"Law enforcement on the reservation is there to protect and serve the community. Officers should not be subjected to assault and injury for doing their job," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Janice M. Morley. "It is the hope of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of North Dakota that this sentence communicates that any assault on federal officers doing their job will not be tolerated and will be vigorously prosecuted."

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Fort Totten Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorney Janice M. Morley prosecuted the case.

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